

SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

REVISED NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the **Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations Committee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on **Monday, September 13, 2010** at the hour of ~~10:00~~ **11:00 A.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

308428 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE ILLINOIS STATE CRIME COMMISSION'S VETERANS EQUITY TRANSITION PROPOSAL FOR POST 9-11 VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by William M. Beavers, County Commissioner; Co-sponsored by The Honorable Todd H. Stroger, President, Jerry Butler, Forrest Claypool, Earlean Collins, John P. Daley, Bridget Gainer, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, Gregg Goslin, Joseph Mario Moreno, Joan Patricia Murphy, Anthony J. Peraica, Edwin Reyes, Timothy O. Schneider, Peter N. Silvestri, Deborah Sims, Robert B. Steele and Larry Suffredin, County Commissioners.

The following is a synopsis of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**THE ILLINOIS STATE CRIME COMMISSION'S VETERANS EQUITY  
TRANSITION PROPOSAL FOR POST 9-11 VETERANS OF THE UNITED  
STATES MILITARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Veterans Preference and Qualified Veteran Owned Business Incentive Acts serves as mechanisms to assist those persons who served in active duty in the United States military under conditions as set forth below; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 34 Finance, Section 34-158 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 34-158. Preference to citizens on public works projects.**

(a) The Purchasing Agent shall specify in the call for bids for any contract for public works that contractors bidding on public works contracts of the County shall conform to the Public Works Preference Act (30 ILCS 560/0.01 et seq.). The Purchasing Agent in awarding the contract shall cause to be inserted in any contract for public works a stipulation to the effect that the contractor shall conform to such Act.

(b) Veterans preference. A preference will be given to bidders that utilize at least five percent of eligible veterans of the United States Armed Forces as defined in this Article who are bona fide veterans of a post-September 11, 2001 military conflict and are County residents.

- (1) For purposes of this section, in the employment and appointment to fill positions in the construction, addition to, or alteration of all public works undertaken or contracted for by the County, preference shall be given to persons who have been members of the armed forces of the United States or who, while citizens of the United States, were members of the armed forces of allies of the United States in time of hostilities occurring after September 11, 2001, with a foreign country, and have served under one or more of the following conditions:
  - a. The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or
  - b. The veteran served for the duration of hostilities regardless of the length of engagement; or
  - c. The veteran served in the theater of operations but was discharged on the basis of a hardship; or
  - d. The veteran was released from active duty because of a service connected disability and was honorably discharged.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 34 Finance, Section 34-160 of the Cook County Code is hereby enacted as follows:

**Sec. 34-160. Qualified veteran owned business incentive.**

(a) *Qualified veteran owned business* means a business entity that is 51% or more owned by one or more veterans as defined in Sec. 34-158(b)(1).

(b) In awarding a contract under this section, the Purchasing Agent shall give a preference of up to 5% of the amount of the contract to a qualified veteran owned business. If the qualified veteran owned business otherwise meets the requirements of the contract solicitation and with the preference is the lowest bidder, the purchasing agent shall enter into a procurement contract with the qualified veteran owned business under this act. If two or more qualified veteran owned businesses are the lowest bidders on a contract, all other things being equal, the qualified veteran owned business with the lowest bid shall be awarded the contract under this act.

(c) It is the goal of the County to award each year not less than 5% of its total expenditures for construction, goods, and services to qualified veteran owned businesses. The purchasing agent may count toward its 5% yearly goal described in this subsection that portion of all procurement contracts in which the business entity that received the procurement contract subcontracts with a qualified veteran owned business. Each year, the Purchasing Agent shall report to the Board of Commissioners on all of the following for the immediately preceding twelve month period:

- (1) The number of qualified veteran owned businesses who submitted a bid for a County procurement contract.
- (2) The number of qualified veteran owned businesses who entered into procurement contracts with this county and the total value of those procurement contracts.
- (3) Whether the county achieved the goal described in this subsection.
- (4) Each year, the Purchasing Agent shall review the progress of all County agencies in meeting the 5% goal with input from countywide veterans service organizations and from the business community including qualified veteran owned businesses, and shall make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding continuation, increases, or decreases in the percentage goal. The recommendations shall be based upon the number of qualified veteran owned business and on the continued need to encourage and promote businesses owned by qualified veterans.

(5) The President shall recommend to the Board of Commissioners changes in programs to assist qualified veteran owned businesses.

(d) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of this Act, is guilty of a petty offense and shall be fined not less than \$75 nor more than \$300 for each offense.

**Effective Date:** This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**\*Referred to the Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations on 09-01-10.**

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AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 34 FINANCE, ARTICLE IV PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS, DIVISION 6 MINORITY-AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, SUBDIVISION I GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 34-285 OF THE COOK COUNTY CODE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Joseph Mario Moreno and Joan Patricia Murphy, County Commissioners; Co-Sponsored by Edwin Reyes and Peter N. Silvestri, County Commissioners

The following is a synopsis of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the United States of America has redeployed its military for the “war on terror” with personnel seeing active combat, most notably in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

**BE IT ORDAINED**; by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 34 Finance, Article IV Procurement and Contracts, Sections 34-271 through 34-285 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**ARTICLE IV. PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS**

**DIVISION 6. MINORITY-AND–WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

<u>Sec. 34-2751.</u>	Short title.
<u>Sec. 34-2762.</u>	Purpose; policy and findings.
<u>Sec. 34-2773.</u>	Definitions.
<u>Sec. 34-2784.</u>	Staffing and responsibilities for affirmative action.
<u>Sec. 34-2795.</u>	Application of division.
<u>Sec. 34-28076.</u>	Program goals.
<u>Sec. 34-28177.</u>	Implementation.
<u>Sec. 34-28278.</u>	Professionals and consulting services and sole source agreements.
<u>Sec. 34-28379.</u>	Other Federal and State regulations.
<u>Sec. 34-2840.</u>	Preference to residents of County.
<u>Sec. 34-2851.</u>	<u>Reporting and review Preference to Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses.</u>
<u>Sec. 34-282.</u>	<u>Reporting and review.</u>
<u>Secs. 34-283-34-285.</u>	Reserved.

**Effective date:** This Ordinance Amendment shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**\*Referred to the Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations on 09-01-10.**

308452 ESTABLISHING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Commissioner Earlean Collins, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, our existing Emergency Management office has been doing a superb job in assisting the 2008 and 2010 flood victims with the limited resources that they have to work with. It is paramount that Cook County establish a collaborative funding source to minimize the impact of future flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, it is evident that the antiquated infrastructure system in most of suburban Cook County lacks the capacity to deal with water flow when there is heavy rain fall in a short period of time as was the case in the 2008 and 2010 flood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal government, the State, the County and local municipalities have separate roles in assisting with emergency management and each of these entities have a specific role and monies to address certain emergencies. A collaborative effort among these agencies will allow Cook County to better assist suburban municipalities in water drainage management.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners establish an Intergovernmental Task Force consisting of department heads from the following agencies; Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Cook County Department of Highways, Bureau of Capital, Planning and Facilities Management, Homeland Security & Emergency Management, the Cook County Bureau of Finance, and the Cook County Bureau of Community Development, to review our existing emergency management systems to seek ways to improve emergency assistance and minimize the impact of flooding in suburban Cook County.

**\*Referred to the Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations on 09-01-10.**

308453 IN SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT RESERVOIR PROJECTS (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Peter N. Silvestri, John P. Daley, Larry Suffredin, Earlean Collins and Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, County Commissioners.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**IN SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT RESERVOIR PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has increasingly experienced flooding issues due to development and inadequate flood retention areas; and

**WHEREAS**, these increasing flooding issues have caused tremendous damage to property and person; and

**WHEREAS**, response and reaction to the flooding has been admirable from all levels of government; and

**WHEREAS**, all governments, working together, must take even greater measures to prevent such frequent flooding with the assistance of federal and state funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the federal government must provide additional and greater funding to complete water reservoir retention projects, through the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governor and state legislature petition and request the federal government to transfer remaining 2008 FEMA funds for 2010 program distribution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the state government also assist in any funding to complete these necessary reservoir projects and any other Metropolitan Water Reclamation District flood relief projects.

**\*Referred to the Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations on 09-01-10.**

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

Chairman: Suffredin

Vice-Chairman: Silvestri

Members: Committee of the Whole